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THE RINGTALE

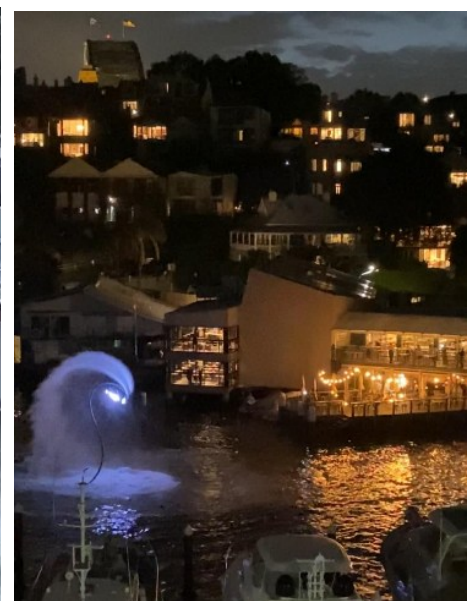
WEEKEND REPORT – SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2026

FRIDAY NIGHT ACROBATICS

SATURDAY WORKING BEE

SUNDAY ALL DONE AND DUSTED

The weekend kicked off with a bang when SFS (sort of) hosted the hydro flying team who used Milson Park and our launching ramp as a base for their spectacular shows in Circular Quay. SFS CEO Rolf Cohen extended his usual warm welcome to the lads putting on the show and they offered to put on a special performance in Careening Cove for SFS patrons, the Ensemble Theatre crowd and Kirribilli residents. There are some terrific videos on the SFS social media sites if you missed seeing the show – a first for Careening Cove.



A lazy Saturday morning, with no sailing because of the Sail GP Event on the Harbour, was followed by a gathering of sailors and volunteers at the Club to attend to some of the jobs around the boatshed and, most importantly, to get the RIB rafts on to the Park and reassembled in their new configuration. With the assistance of Stewart Laidler on his RIB and with the keen group of experts, potential experts and enthusiastic supervisors, the rafts were manhandled around the wharf and to the bottom of the ramp where the team of David and Ryan Paget used Dave's ute to drag the rafts up the ramp and on to the park.



Photo thanks to Rusty Debney



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Following Rolf's blueprint, and with much discussion, heaving and brute strength, the rafts were secured and readied for re-launch before a very low tide persuaded the team to defer launching until the high tide early on Sunday morning. The low tide did, however, enable Robbo and his trusty water blaster to get much of the slime and oysters off the ramp (and on to him) so that it will be good as new for next week.



Robbo showing us how it's done. (Photo thanks to Phil Franklin)

Sunday morning before 7.00 saw the Pagets arrive with Ryan this time armed with his 4WD winch and towing gear. Rigged to the big pole at the end of the wharf and fastened to the raft now double its previous size, the raft was dragged back into the water intact and tugged back into place for Rolf to fasten during the afternoon.

All in all, it was a splendid effort of club spirit and team effort. Special mention to Ryan and Dave who showed off their high level of expertise and ability to get the job done. To everyone else, our thanks also for the sweat and toil (and plenty of good ideas along the way).

Saturday afternoon rewarded the workers with free beers on the deck and a few more when we gathered for the Sail GP televised broadcast and Super Rugby that followed into the night. Lots of fun, camaraderie and Club spirit at a high level!



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**SAILING IS ON AGAIN ON SATURDAY FOR THE SYDNEY HARBOUR REGATTA AND AUTUMN SERIES HEAT 3.
LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!**

SAILING CALENDAR

Date	Day	Historic 18ft Skiffs
21-Feb	Sat	Autumn series Ht2
28-Feb	Sat	NO SAILING
7-Mar	Sat	Sydney Harbour Regatta and Autumn series Ht3
8-Mar	Sun	
14-Mar	Sat	Matthew Flinders Cup and Autumn series Ht4
15-Mar	Sun	
21-Mar	Sat	Port Jackson Champ and Autumn series Ht5
22-Mar	Sun	
28-Mar	Sat	Club Championship Ht3 and Autumn series Ht6
29-Mar	Sun	
18-Apr	Sat	Presentation Night 6pm



SQUADDIE MERCH



- **POLOS (WHITE, BLACK AND NAVY) \$45**
- **RUGBY TOP \$90**
- **CAPS (WHITE AND NAVY) \$30**

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